Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 21 Sep 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 22 Sep 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 20 Sep 2023 at 17:08 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Thursday until Saturday. Low for extent of any persistent rain on Sunday and Monday.

Headline for Thursday 21 Sep 2023: Cold and windy with showers, driest in the south in the morning

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 21 Sep 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
30%	50%	70%	70%	50%	50%	30%	40%

Forecast for Thursday 21 Sep 2023

Weather: A mostly cloudy day with scattered showers, some longer spells of rain developing at times. Small chance of an isolated thunderstorm. Arran seeing the best of the drier weather in the morning. Cold and windy at height.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of cloud between 700 and 900 metres, lowest bases west of the A9. Excellent visibility outside of cloud and rain.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	43/54 SW	43/55 SW	43/55 SW	35/46 SW	30/39 SW	26/34 SW	21/28 SW	20/26 SW	20/26 W
900	32/43 SW	33/44 SW	33/44 SW	28/38 SW	24/33 SW	22/30 SW	18/24 SW	15/21 W	15/20 W
600	40/51 SW	39/50 SW	38/49 SW	30/40 SW	25/34 SW	22/30 SW	17/24 SW	14/20 SW	12/17 SW
300	20/32 SW	21/33 SW	21/33 SW	17/28 SW	14/23 SW	12/21 SW	10/17 SW	8/13 SW	7/13 W
Glen	14/30 SW	14/29 SW	15/31 SW	14/28 SW	11/22 SW	10/20 SW	8/16 SW	7/15 SW	8/16 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/-6	2/-6	2/-6	2/-5	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4	2/-3	2/-3
900	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	5/-1	5/-0	5/-0	5/0	5/0	5/0
600	7/1	7/1	6/0	7/2	7/2	7/3	7/3	7/3	7/3
300	9/5	9/5	9/5	9/5	9/6	9/7	9/7	9/7	9/7
Glen	11/8	11/8	11/8	11/8	11/9	11/9	11/9	11/9	10/9
Freezing Level*	1500m	1600m	1600m	1600m	1600m	1600m	1700m	1700m	1700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Severe gale or storm force southwesterly winds will lead to a risk of being blown over along with slow progress. Notable wind chill on the higher tops. Burns are likely to be in full spate following recent heavy rain.

Forecast for Friday 22 Sep 2023

Weather: A cold and often cloudy day with scattered showers, these tending to die away through the evening. Any showers in the evening will turn wintry across the higher tops.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly average speeds of 25 mph with gusts to 40 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%, cloud is expected to shroud the higher tops for some lengthy periods. The Trossachs, Arran and southern Kintyre may see less in the way of cloud as the afternoon progresses.

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of low cloud between 700 and 900 metres, otherwise excellent visibility outside of cloud

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 rising to 14 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius, falling to plus 2 Celsius later
Freezing level: Above summits, falling to 1200 metres later in the day

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